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Mr. Larry L. Saret  
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Re: Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,840,249

Dear Larry:

This is in response to your letter of February 12, 2001 which was your response to my letter of January 19, 2001. In response to the question contained in your response, no Mr. Bendiner has not refused to sign and return the documents. In my letter of January 19, 2001, I made a request. I would appreciate receiving a reply to that request.

Very truly yours,



F. David AuBuchon

cc: Bernard Bendiner

EXHIBIT

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